Vidyadharpur Barrage on Hathgarh Dam and negligence in not regulating water from Hathgarh Dam had led to the aggravation of the impact of the floods in Keonjahar Town and Bhadrak Municipal Area. If this be true *prima facie* it would be a case of negligence by the concerned public servants to prevent human rights violation in terms of Section 12(a) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 and for this reason it may be appropriate for the State Government to order an inquiry through an expert body to establish whether there had been any negligence on the part of the concerned public servants and to consider the initiation of such departmental action as may be necessary if such negligence is established. The action taken be reported to the Commission.

**CBI in ability to Investigate Defence Deals**

*638. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation has expressed its inability to investigate into the various defence purchases made since 1985 referred to it by the Defence Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to obviate difficulties which are standing in the way of the CBI in conducting the enquiry into the defence deals?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Ministry of Defence has requested the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to get all defence procurement cases, since the time of presence of agents in such cases was banned by the Government, investigated through the CBI or any other agency considered appropriate. The CBI has not expressed its inability to investigate such cases.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The CVC has asked Ministry of Defence to forward each case file with a self-contained note to facilitate proper examination of cases. On completion of the scrutiny of records the Commission would hand over the cases to CBI, where necessary, for detailed investigation. This would facilitate the task of the CBI.